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Regarding: R.H. Hall & T.W. Selby
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For INERT GAS BLANKET FOR PROTECTION FROM OXIDATION

CPA Amendment

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Sir:

Thank you for the 11/21/00 communication from the Examiner (Paper No. 16) in connection with the application of reference. In reply to Paper No. 16 please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

62 (Once amended). The method of claim 61, wherein the place away from said crankcase to which said by-product gas is directed is selected from the group consisting of [a catalytic converter assembly,] a fuel injector assembly, and an air cleaner assembly for intake into a carburetor.

63 (Once amended). The method of claim [62,] 61, wherein the place away from said crankcase to which said by-product gas is directed is [the] a catalytic converter.

66 (Once amended). The method of claim 65, wherein the place away from said transmission to which said by-product gas is directed is selected from the group consisting of [a catalytic converter assembly,] a fuel injector assembly, and an air cleaner assembly for intake into a carburetor.

67 (Once amended). The method of claim [66,] 65, wherein